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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 26th, 1907.

Dr. C. E. TENNEY, recently the Principal at Peking University, on removing to America, is naturally there regarded as an undoubted authority on things Chinese. So far as opportunities go, he may reasonably be admitted to be entitled to some claims. As we have had to point out on previous occasions, however, authorities on things Chinese are made, not born, and they continue to be made in bewildering quantities. Just what makes a man an authority is not so easy to say. An expert in some special branch of knowledge is comparatively easily defined. Special opportunities for study, and special attention and devotion to those opportunities, count for much. If the expert or authority be discovered to have a special aptitude for certain studies, his claims are further strengthened. But in the case of our so-called "authorities on China," the claims made by or for them are often of the widest; and sometimes they appear most unreasonable. A man may be steeped in ideographic lore, and yet know nothing of politics. A shrewd individual with no special training other than close contact with and observation of his neighbours may know more of human nature and its tendencies than another individual deeply versed in a people's literature and folklore. The story of the learned professor who cut two holes in his study door, a big one to

admit the cat, and a lesser one to admit her kittens, may be untrue; it is certainly not improbable. Ordinary intuition or "common-sense," with a moderate capacity for deduction, may on occasion enable and warrant "the man in the street" to detect fallacy in the obiter dicta of the most eminent authority. Reflections such as these embolden us to refer to some observations that Dr. TENNEY is reported to have made at the annual dinner in New York of the American Asiatic Association. Dr. TENNEY considered that the Chinese empire is safe in the hands of its literati; Chinese scholars were the men who would undoubtedly inaugurate and establish reform. He believed that this inauguration was already in progress. The literati were already awake to their responsibilities and opportunities. At the present time, the Chinese were characterised by (1) The awakening of a spirit of patriotism; (2) The growth of a proper pride and jealousy for the national honour; (3) Ambitions to regain control of Customs and railways; (4) Increased kindness and cordiality in the social relations between the races in China; (5) The development of a national army; (6) The opening up of immense new markets to foreign trade.

The first and second characteristics must be taken together. So far as we can see, in modern China they are one and the same thing. There has been a good deal of talk of this newly awakened patriotism, since the boycott of American goods. We have maintained that there has been no manifestation of a spirit that did not exist, that was not betrayed, before. Chauvinism is not patriotism. A contemporary says, "Of the growth of a national pride and a kind of patriotic fervour there can be no question." It is, however, questioned. There are observers, authorities if you like, who maintain that it is less national pride than unabated dislike of the alien. That old prejudice is not "a hopeful sign of the times." We have to consider if the later symptoms described as "patriotic" are not as readily explained by the never dormant hatred of foreigners. The "proper pride" is no new thing; it has not recently awoke. The arrogance and self-satisfaction of the Chinese has been proverbial since we knew anything of them. There is no need to labour this point, but contemplation may be directed to the suggestion that without railways, telegraphs, and an unfettered press to bring its parts together, China is too big to be truly patriotic. Under present conditions can anyone even imagine the people of the Kwang and the people of Szechwan or the Peking littoral fighting shoulder to shoulder for a common ideal? They have not even got a common language. There is a point of similarity—not of unity—in that they each and all mistrust the foreigner. So we come to Dr. TENNEY's third feature, Chinese ambitions to regain control of Customs and railways. This, with what has just been said, may as fittingly be expressed as an ambition to oust, to dispossess, the foreigner. It is not a hopeful sign. As to the increased cordiality of social relations between the races in China, that is the whole thing. Dr. TENNEY says it is so; if it is, most of our argument falls to the ground. But is it so? How has it been made evident? It sounds like a generalisation, and authorities should not generalise. Another authority has recently painted things otherwise. The Chinese people are not worrying about a Con situation, "for as long as the rice bowl was full the people did not seek very much after liberty. Liberty for liberty's sake was not often sought. The Chinese people were too much governed by the idea of fate to seek a Parliament, and they said that if Heaven gave them a Parliament well and good, but if it did not, it would not come. Until the Chinese people, as a whole, changed their ideas and developed nobler ideals they would not be able to obtain a Parliament and Constitution." Quite so, and until then it is moonshine to talk of patriotism. Of the development of a national army, we have previously written. Dr. TENNEY is more optimistic than other authorities. But even that is not new; it is not a sign of awakening. China was awake to such needs fifty years ago, when an official of Changlu was thus instructed: "On arriving at Tientsin, take care to purchase foreign cannon, and have them in readiness for use." That official in 1857 reported to the Throne the purchase of over thirty foreign guns, all "exceedingly firm and strong, having a very long range, and true to the mark." Those foreign guns, like the modern army, were meant to get rid of the foreigner some day, and this intention was not diminished by the discovery that the "Barbarians" (so the old chronicler writes) were reluctant to

sell them, and that the cost was "most exorbitant." Then as to opening up those "immense new markets," there be merchants quite as authoritative as the former Peking Professor, and they have told us things less pleasant than he would have us listen to. Therefore, though Dr. TENNEY be an undoubted authority on China, his auditors or readers had better beware of rejoicing prematurely.

Our Paris letter appears on page 5 to-day.

The English Mail of the 26th January was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.

Direct telephonic service between New Wijn, Korea, and Am'ung, China, has been established.

The annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will be held at five o'clock to-day (Tuesday) in the Alice Memorial Hospital.

A Kobe message says that a Chinese bank at Antung has opened a branch on the Bund at Kobe, and will shortly establish an agency in Tokyo for the benefit of Chinese students.

The Yokohama Chamber of Commerce, at an extraordinary meeting on February 12th adopted a resolution in favour of the continuance of the sugar rebate law, the term of which expires in March next.

Among the many new companies lately promoted, the Japan Imitation Leather Company is said to be one of the most successful, as the promoters have already subscribed for 80 per cent of the shares, leaving only 2,000 for public subscription.

A Chinaman passing over a level crossing at Kobe in a ricksha was knocked over and decapitated by a passing goods train. The ricksha man was also killed. The crossing-keeper, for being asleep at the time, is being charged with manslaughter.

Capt. Lossius of the ss. *Kinsman* has recently received a pleasant memento of the typhoon. A passenger, Mr. Hermann Stuber, has sent from Germany a handsome pair of binoculars as a mark of his appreciation of Capt. Lossius' management during that exciting day.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 24th February, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese there were 178 to the Library and 134 to the Museum; and of Chinese 80 to the former and 375 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 258 persons and the Museum by 389.

A meter reader in the Public Works Department was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court yesterday with the larceny of 24,300 gallons of water the property of the Government. It appears that a lagoon on duty at Leichikok witnessed him altering the hands of the meter with the result that the Water Authority would have been defrauded of the gallons mentioned. His Worship sentenced the defendant to fifteen days' hard labour.

Viceroy Tuan Fang has closed a six per cent loan, amounting to one million taels, with the Yokohama Specie Bank. The money is needed to pay a number of debts which have been made in connection with the administrative reforms, amongst others for the establishment of the provincial mint. The receipts of the Nanking Customs have been pledged as security for ten years. The agreement has been signed, by order of the Viceroy, by Cha Ko-shan, the Nanking Customs Tsoai.

A special committee appointed to report upon the forestry business in Korea has returned the following report:—(1) On the left bank of the Yalu River the work to be done by the joint action of the Japanese and Korean Governments. On the right bank the work to be done is still under negotiation with China. (2) As for the money necessary a supplementary account should be appended to the budget. (3) On the right bank of the river about one hundred miles (4 Japanese ri) should be occupied and the trees divided into twenty-four grades. The number of trees is estimated at 100,000,000 and the average value per tree is from Y3 to Y5.

Those who remember the individual members of Mr. Bandmann's previous company visiting Hongkong may be interested to hear that Miss Georgie Corless (Mrs. Warwick Major) is still touring the East under Mr. Bandmann's skillful guidance. Miss Nora Morris Morris (Mrs. Mark Lester) is playing "second boy" (Dandini) in the pantomime at the Elephant and Castle, South London, and Mr. Harry Cole is amusing the audiences at the Coronet Theatre, Notting Hill, in the part of "Ali Baba" in the pantomime of that name or "The Forty Thieves." Miss Wilmet Karkes is playing "Cornelia" in "The White Chrysanthemum," on tour in England.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday the coxswain of the steam launch *Jack Lee* again appeared to answer charges of plying for hire without a licence and refusing to stop when hailed. The police withdrew the first charge as the notice sent by the Harbour Master to the owner did not reach him owing to his having changed his place of abode. Mr. O. D. Thomson who appeared for the defendant pleaded not guilty on the second charge, stating that his client heard the whistle only once, and then pulled up almost immediately. The evidence of Constable Berrie, however, did not substantiate this statement, and his Worship inclined to believe the constable. The coxswain of the launch was therefore ordered to pay a fine of \$25, the alternative being one month's imprisonment.The German marine research vessel *Planck* is expected in Colombo about the end of this month on an interesting cruise. She has been dispatched from Europe on a scientific mission which is to be carried out to a certain extent on a carefully selected route to the Pacific Ocean via St. Helena, the Cape, Madagascar, Mauritius, Ceylon, Batavia and among the Islands of the Pacific.

His numerous friends will learn with profound regret of the death of Mr. Sydneyham Moutrie at the Shanghai Hospital on Saturday night. Mr. Moutrie who was the founder and General Manager of the firm of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co. is a far Eastern pioneer, having resided in Shanghai for upwards of 30 years. For some time past he has been seriously ill, and the local branch of the firm learned some days ago that it would be necessary for him to undergo an operation. This, we regret to learn, terminated fatally.

The annual report of the Shanghai Gas Company for 1906 reveals a net profit for the year of just over Tls. 200,000 and this permits the payment in addition to the 7 per cent. interim dividend of a final dividend on old shares of 7 per cent., dividend on new shares for two months, at 14 per cent., and a bonus on old shares of Tls. 1.15 and on new shares of Tls. 0.25 per share. The private consumption increased during the year by 51,806,875 cubic feet; there was a small increase in the public consumption and residuals found a favourable market.

Many residents in the Far East will regret to learn of the death of Captain David H. Rivers, which occurred at San Diego on January 10th. According to the *San Diego Union* Captain Rivers had retired from the sea, and had settled in the Californian city. The deceased mariner had rounded Cape Horn no less than fifty times, and was well known in Far Eastern ports. His last ship, the *A. G. Ropes* of New York, was built especially for him, and his final voyage in 1905 was almost a fatal one. He encountered fearful weather, and the ship was dismasted in the China Sea. It will be remembered that the *A. G. Ropes* lay for some months in Kobe harbour, where she was eventually sold, and after being jury-rigged reached New York. It is stated that Captain Rivers suffered great hardships on this stormy trip on the *A. G. Ropes* and after reaching home he suffered to some extent from heart trouble. His death, which was painfully sudden, was due to a rupture of the heart.

## OPIUM TRADE AND REFORMERS.

## THE MARKET ALREADY AFFECTED.

The opium trade already begins to experience results from the interference of would-be reformers. We have it on good authority that private telegrams received yesterday informed merchants that the Indian Government have declared that the quantities to be sold at the monthly public sales at Calcutta from July next will be 200 chests each, Patna and Benares, less than at present. The total sales for the year will, therefore, be 48,000 chests as against 52,800 chests. This will inevitably affect prices, and we learn that even yesterday there was a sensational rise in quotations.

## THE "DEVANHA" COLLISION.

The *Kobe Herald* translates from the *Osaka Mainichi* an account of an interview with Captain Azuma, Military Attaché to H.E.H. Prince Fushimi, who gave the following account of the mishap to the *P. & O. S. Devanha*:—"The passengers on board were His Highness and suite and two foreigners, besides an official of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. At the time of the collision, His Highness and all the other passengers were in their cabins. I was still dressed and was reading when I heard several blasts of a whistle, apparently sounded in warning. Thinking something might be wrong, I went up immediately to the bridge. Simultaneously, I heard a crashing noise, as if from a collision, at the bows, and at the same moment I saw a flash of light. Prior to this the *Devanha* had slowed down, and at the time of the collision she was going astern, so that the results of the collision were minimised. I heard a rumour report to the Captain that the damage was very slight, and I thereupon went below and reported to Prince Fushimi, who had not yet gone to sleep. His Highness expressed pleasure at learning that the damage was small and displayed no uneasiness. I then went up again on deck. At about 10.45 the *Devanha* lowered eight boats, which went toward the other steamer to give assistance in rescuing the crew if required. A few minutes later, flames were seen on the other steamer, apparently in the part of her which struck the *Devanha*, and it soon became apparent that an outbreak of fire had occurred. It could be seen, however, that the crew were working quietly to subdue the flames, there being no panic, and in a short time the fire appeared to be extinguished. In the meantime the Captain of the *Devanha* had gone to Chamberlain Nagasaki and reported to him concerning the occurrence. We first knew of the name of the other vessel from a member of her crew who jumped, or was thrown, on board as during the collision. She was proceeding from Tokyama to Inochima Dockyard. The second mate of the *Devanha* went on board the *Shinshu Maru* and enquired concerning her condition. The *Devanha* took in some water after the collision, but this was soon pumped out. The damage to her was very slight and as it was well above the water line she could easily have proceeded on her way. As, however, Prince Fushimi was on board, the safest course was taken and we put back to Kobe."

The *Shinshu Maru* took refuge at Mitsugahama and is to be towed to the Inochima Dock for repairs. It may be added that the man who was thrown on to the *Devanha* from the *Shinshu Maru* at the time of the collision had quite an enjoyable time on board the former vessel. On learning of his presence Prince Fushimi sent for him and kindly treated him to champagne and cigarettes, while the crew provided him with a new outfit of clothes. He was decidedly reluctant to come on shore at Kobe.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

LONDON, February 24th.  
Scotland beat Ireland by fifteen points to three.  
Wales beat Ireland by three goals to two.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, February 24th.  
Baron de Staal, for a long time [1884-1902] Russian Ambassador in London, is dead, aged eighty-five years.

## ANOTHER DISASTROUS WRECK.

LONDON, February 25th.  
The Austrian-Lloyd s.s. "Imperatrix" has been wrecked off Crete. Seventy persons have been lost.

## THE TRANSVAAL PREMIER.

LONDON, February 25th.  
General Louis Botha has been elected premier of the Transvaal parliament.

## JAPAN-KOREA TARIFF UNION.

TOKYO, February 25th.  
In the Diet to-day, representatives introduced proposals for a tariff union between Japan and Korea. The matter was referred to committee.

## [REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

## THE WRECK OF THE "BERLIN."

LONDON, February 25th.  
Two women, opera singers, and a nurse are still on the wreck, too feeble to clasp the life line; one has a broken arm. There is very little hope of a rescue.

## [N.C. Daily News Service.]

## AMERICA AND JAPAN.

TOKYO, February 19th.  
The House of Representatives at Washington has passed President Roosevelt's amendment of the Immigration Bill by a large majority. The authorities at Tokyo declare that they have consented to the principle of restriction placed on the immigration of Japanese into America, but they have not yet consented to the Amendment as passed by the United States Congress. The actual application of this Amendment depends on diplomatic negotiations which have not yet been opened. The Japanese in Hawaii are telegraphing strong protests to Washington and Tokyo. Some of the Tokyo papers point out that the Bill passed by Congress is more illegal than the Segregation Act of California.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. str. *Kuanyang Si* from Antwerp and ports of call left Singapore on the 24th inst., and is due here on the 2nd March.  
The P.M. str. *Korea* sails from Yokohama on the 25th inst., and will therefore be due to arrive at this port on or about the 8th March.  
The C.P.R. str. *Athenian* arrived at Shanghai at 11 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd inst., and left again at 4 a.m. same day, for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 10 p.m. on Monday, the 26th inst.  
The N.Y.K. str. *Ceylon Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port on the 23rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 10th March.  
The N.Y.K. str. *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Kobe via Moji and Shanghai for this port on the 23rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 4th March.  
The steamer *Dardanelus* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 28th inst.  
The E. & A. str. *Dorothy* left Port Said for Hongkong direct on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 1st May.  
The steamer *Lightning* from Calcutta, left Singapore on 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd March.  
The M.M. str. *Ernest Simons* with the next French Mail, left Singapore on Monday, the 25th inst. at 4 a.m., for this port via Saigon.  
The L.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 29th January, left Singapore on Monday, the 25th inst. at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 1st March at noon.

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## THE FATAL FIRE IN TUNG LOI LANE.

## A RECOMMENDATION.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, sitting as Coroner, and Messrs. C. Rogers, T. W. Clarke and H. P. Madar, jury, an inquiry was held at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon concerning the death of six Chinese who were killed in this recent fire at No. 3 Tung Loi Lane. Sergeant Fenton was the first witness. He stated that early on the morning of the 2nd instant, a message was received at the Fire Brigade Station giving notice that a fire had broken out in Tung Loi Lane. Witness was the first European fireman on the scene. When he arrived the entire building was on fire and flames were bursting out of every window. Engineer Haggard of the Public Works Department was here called, and submitted a plan of the house.

Mr. Hazeland informed the jurors that the reason the inmates of this house were unable to escape was because the bamboo ladder which led to the roof of the house took fire and shut out all means of escape. Mr. Clarke asked witness if, for instance, the ladder leading to the roof of this house was made of ordinary wood, instead of bamboo, it would have taken fire so easily. Mr. Haggard replied that it was a question of time. "The wood used to make stairways in Chinese houses was usually so common that he doubted whether any Chinese staircases would last long in any fire. Sergeant Fenton, recalled, said that after the fire charred bodies were found while other inmates of the house were removed to hospital suffering from burns.

Dr. Hensley, medical officer in charge of public mortuaries, testified to examining several bodies that were taken to the mortuary after the fire. He was of opinion that death in each instance was due to suffocation and extensive burns. A Chinese resident who was asleep in one of the upper floors when the fire broke out on the ground floor, told how he rescued six persons from being burnt to death. He said that on the morning in question he was awakened by the sound of a police whistle being violently blown in the street. He jumped out of bed and found the room full of smoke. Not much time was lost before the flames ate through the floor, and he stepped to leave the burning building. The main staircase leading to the street was on fire. There was a panic and the inmates of the floors below—ho lived on the top floor—all made a rush for his flat to escape by the roof. Several succeeded in doing so whilst others met their death ascending the ladder. In a very few minutes the trap-door, was blocked by these fleeing persons. Witness worked his way to the top of the ladder and getting on the roof, was the means of pulling six persons up through the trap-door. The flames were then burning fiercely. Soon the ladder took fire, and it was in dragging up the last person that he had his fingers burnt. There were eleven persons living on this floor and only five are alive now, six being killed in the fire. Further evidence was called concerning the provision of ladders for Chinese houses, and the jury then retired to consider the verdict. On returning into Court their verdict was delivered as follows:—We find that Fuk Kwan and seven others, male and female, died through misadventure, being burnt to death in a fire at No. 3, Tung Loi Lane, whilst endeavouring to escape by the roof. We would recommend that section 149 of the "Public Health and Buildings Ordinances of 1913," with regard to fire escapes, be strictly enforced.

## HON. MR. F. H. MAY.

The *Singapore Free Press* says:—Those who noted the sad news of the death of Mr. Hugh Clifford in the mail papers will believe that, seeing that Trinidad, with its depressing associations, could no longer have been a desirable field for Mr. Hugh Clifford's labours it is a good thing that the Colonial Office should have decided to send him to Ceylon to take the place of the late Sir Alexander Ashmore as Colonial Secretary and Lieutenant Governor. But even this was by way of afterthought, because the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, of Hongkong, had been already, it was stated, designed for transfer to Ceylon to the same appointment, and it was only on the representations of Mr. H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan, who felt that Mr. May's experience and advice were indispensable to him at Hongkong, that the Colonial Office, in deference to these representations, cancelled Mr. May's transfer. It is to be feared that Sir Matthew Nathan would not have tried to retain Mr. May at Hongkong, unless he were not quite assured as to his own state of health. If Sir Matthew Nathan had an impression that circumstances, in spite of his seeming complete recovery, might suggest the propriety of his reinforcing that "improvement by a change to England, he would certainly not feel at ease in mind about his taking leave with Mr. May away in Ceylon and Mr. Sorensen Smith in England, not to return to Hongkong, but to go to the Straits. These are not quite humdrum times in China. In the Southern provinces there is the unrest of political agitation, and there is besides the important question of watching railway developments even beyond the Canton railway that is to debouch at Kowloon. And it is this impression that it may yet be judicious to take a complete rest after that unlucky accident at pole that, finally we think, has persuaded Sir Matthew Nathan to plead for the retention of Mr. May at Hongkong. The *Straits Times* says:—Mr. Hugh Clifford, and not Mr. F. H. May, will be the future Lieutenant Governor and Colonial Secretary of Ceylon. We do not know whether Mr. Clifford or Mr. May is most to be commended upon the change of arrangements made by the Colonial Office. We must assume that Mr. May could ill be spared at the present juncture from Hongkong, especially as Mr. Sorensen Smith, the other "strong" man of the Hongkong Executive, is leaving the Colony on promotion; but it would be hard luck indeed for an able and conscientious official were Mr. May's step to be deferred because of the ill-health of Sir Matthew Nathan. We must doubtless being reserved for Colonial Office preference which will amply compensate him for the Lieutenant-Governorship of Ceylon.







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DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE.

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THE DIVIDEND of 12% per Share for the six Months ending 31st December, 1906, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the premises of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after Tuesday, the 26th Feb., and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Building, New Trade. By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. J. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 26th February, 1907. 456

C. DE M. C. VIEIRA-LIBEIRO, Auctioneer.

FAVOURED with instructions, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, On THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1907, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOM, No. 8, Queen's Rd. Central, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of every Description, MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, One Big American ROLLTOP DESK in Good Condition. Catalogues will be issued. Terms: As usual. Hongkong, 26th February, 1907. 457

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TO-DAY (TUESDAY), 26th FEBRUARY, Open 1 P.M. till 5 P.M. Admission: 5s.

H.E. The Governor has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at 5 P.M.

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TEA will be obtainable on the Grounds. By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Scott Moncreiff and Officers, the Band of the Third Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, will play on both days from 2.30 to 5 P.M. Hongkong, 26th February, 1907. 449

SCOTTISH MASONIC QUADRILLE ASSOCIATION.

THE FIFTH and REGALIA DANCE will be held in the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 7th of March. Dispensation to wear Regalia for English and Scotch Masons has been received from the DIST. GRAND MASTERS. No Invitations to this Dance will be issued after the 5th day of March. A Launch will leave the Star Ferry Wharf at 2 A.M. to convey Kowloon residents back. JOHN J. BLAKE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 26th February, 1907. 431

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## NO. 3, CARNARVON VILLAS, and No. 8, LOCHIEL TERRACE, Kowloon.

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## NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.

## Apply to—COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

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## INTIMATIONS

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREE-MASONS' HALL on FRIDAY, the 1st March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1907. 440

## HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:

On WEDNESDAY, the 27th February:—From Pak-sha-uan, in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m.

On SATURDAY, the 2nd March:—From Stonecutters, in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 12 noon.

From Lyman and Devils Peak, in a North-Easterly and Easterly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 2 p.m. and finishing at 5 p.m.

On MONDAY, the 4th March:—From Lyman S. D., in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m.

On TUESDAY, the 5th March:—From Albion Battery and Stonecutters, in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m.

On WEDNESDAY, the 6th March:—From Stonecutters, in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 12 noon.

From Belcher, in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 11 a.m. and finishing at 12.30 p.m.

On FRIDAY, the 8th March:—From Stonecutters Central, in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10.30 a.m. and finishing at 12 noon.

On MONDAY, the 11th March:—From Kowloon West and North Point, in a Westerly and Northerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 8 a.m. and finishing at 1 p.m.

On TUESDAY, the 12th March:—From Lyman S. D., in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m.

On WEDNESDAY, the 13th March:—From Albion, in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m.

On THURSDAY, the 14th March:—From Stonecutters Central, in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

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THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be loaded and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. DODWELL & Co., Ltd. Agents. Hongkong, 19th February, 1907. 7

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

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"ALBENGA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 20th February, 1907. 436

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MACEDONIA."

FROM LONDON, BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 27th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 21st February, 1907. 1

## HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"BRASILIA."

Captain Russ, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Under-Signed and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th Feb. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Feb., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 21st February, 1907. 437

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENGLOE."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Feb. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th Mar., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Feb., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 22nd February, 1907. 438

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## PARIS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

January 18th.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT. Who is to be the next President of the French Republic? This question has become one of general interest, since M. Fallières shortly contemplates retiring from the Presidency owing to his health having given way. Accustomed to the most simple life, and the most regular habits, M. Fallières has found out that his constitution can no longer fight the heavy duties of State. The popular President has been anything but well for some time past; this fact has only been made public, and has caused much regret. So serious indeed has his illness been on two recent occasions, that it has alarmed his devoted wife, family and household. He has explained to an intimate friend that he is kept up to late, while he positively dreads the coming season of evening parties and balls at the Elysée, when the Head of the State is obliged to receive his guests and shake hands without intermission until two or three o'clock in the morning. Official dinner parties which M. Fallières must give always make him ill. Such a life is shortening the President's days, who unfortunately is not made of "cast iron."

M. Loubet—his predecessor—was a wonder, for he stood it all for 14 years after which period he resigned. It is with profound regret that France will part from M. Fallières, who has proved himself to be a man since his short term of office. If M. Fallières decides upon resigning, the political world will once more be thrown into a state of confusion; it is difficult to state—under the present circumstances—who will likely succeed M. Fallières.

M. Paul Doumer and the present Premier—M. Clemenceau—stand the best chances. Since the unexpected usually happens in France, one would not be surprised to see M. Clemenceau elected President of the Republic. He is the man of the hour, and the most likely, because the ablest person to succeed M. Fallières. The Republic has no stronger supporter than the Premier, who is a born statesman, and a valiant fighter.

THE CENSUS. Since the beginning of the last century the census of the population of France has been taken every five years. The last census, the results of which have just been published in the Journal Officiel, brings the official returns up to March 4th, 1906. The total population of France and Corsica, exclusive of Algeria, the Colonies, and Protectorates, amounted last March to 33,252,257 souls, or an increase of 290,322 persons, as compared with 1901. The Ministers of War and Marine estimate that there were 84,698 soldiers and sailors who were not included in the last census. There has been an increase in 32 departments, as compared with 25 departments in 1901, while the population has diminished in 53 departments.

The chief cause of the decrease in the attraction exercised by the towns, as may be seen from the fact that out of the total increase of 290,322 persons, the large towns are responsible for 223,072 of them. Of the fifteen towns with more than 100,000 inhabitants only Bordeaux, Lille, Toulouse, and Roubaix, show a decrease.

The cities and towns showing the largest increase are Paris with 49,525, Nice with 29,123, Marseilles with 24,337, Lyons with 13,015, and Nancy with 9,011 more inhabitants as compared with 1901. The population of Paris is now 2,763,393. The next largest towns are Marseilles with 517,498, and Lyons with 472,114 inhabitants. Ten years ago there were 1,115,214 foreigners living in France, last March their number had fallen to 1,009,417, a decrease of 105,797 souls.

GENERAL PIQUANT ACTIVE. It now appears that General Piquant's journey to Tunis and Algeria has something more behind it than a mere tour of inspection. Not to mention the quiet organising of the expeditionary brigade which the French Government is keeping "up its sleeve," so to speak, as a last resort in Morocco, the cry an odd one after the repeated crises and expenditures which have taken place to make the fortress secure—has again been raised that Bismarck lies practically open to an enemy who should first possess himself of the heights dominating Ferryville. We are told that the War Minister has gone to make a personal study of the measures to be taken for rendering the place impregnable, especially on the south side.

CITY SANITATION. Dr. Jacques Barthelemy, the city statistician has just laid before his colleagues at the Academy of Medicine some very interesting statistics on the sanitation of Paris. At the restoration 50 years ago the annual mortality was 38 per 1,000. To-day the rate is reduced to 17. Of infants under five years, the mortality has been reduced from 153 to 55 per 1,000. The chief elements in this vast improvement, so far as children are concerned, are diphtheria serum and anti-septic treatment. Among adults, there is also a better state of things, though in the matter of tuberculosis Paris is still something to learn from other capitals. But 19,000 lives a year are being economised.

HOOLIGANS. For France, the *opacite* or hooligan of Paris is becoming almost a national question. From eleven o'clock at night till dawn next morning the capital may be said to be in a state of civil war, in which all the chances are not on the side of the law and order. Even in the heart of the City organised hooliganism will fight for its ends, while in the outlying districts a sort of tacit state of things exists by which after midnight the hooligan is supreme in the streets by right of conquest, and any person venturing from his home is considered as having only himself to blame for what happens. Somewhat tardily, perhaps, Paris is awakening to the discredit of such a position and deputations from the Municipal Council have been sent into Belgium, Germany, and Austria to study the methods of repression in vogue there. England might do worse than follow France's example in this direction. For instance, in Belgian cities they master the hooligan by means of powerful and trained dogs, which a policeman's whistle will always bring up in force—a capital idea, which ought to be acted on in France and England.

1906 may well be said to have been a momentous year for France. It has seen the end of one Parliament and the birth of another. It has seen the triennial renewal of the Senate and the election of a new President of the Republic. It has seen the collapse of two Ministries, and the introduction of two social measures, one of which—the Workmen's Pension Bill—is for the moment on the shelf because the Minister of Finance has not the funds wherewith to make it operative; and another, the Sunday Rest Law, has led to a considerable amount of dissatisfaction. The past year has further witnessed the long delayed rehabilitation of Dreyfus and the apotheosis of Zola, while it closed its agitated career with a financial deficit in the midst of a religious controversy.

PUBLIC WORKS. The Public Works Budget Report for 1907 concentrates about a dozen pages to the subject of tarring the public roads of France as a precaution against dust and wear and tear, and readers incidentally a well-earned homage to the efforts of the Anti-Dust League. The reporter remarks that motor-cars are being multiplied in number and in speed for transport purposes on every road in France. As a consequence, the roads are showing alarming evidences of wear, due to the weight and speed of the new vehicles. After the passage of heavy motor-cars the roads give evidence of a kind of disintegration of the materials and the volatilisation of the ingredients. The road engineers confess themselves powerless to prevent the complete destruction of new highways, whose duration is reduced to less than a third. Tarring the routes seems to be the most practical method yet devised to prevent this state of things, the initial expense being largely covered by the diminution in the wear of the roads. Road-tarring experiments have now been in progress in France for four years, and the opinion of the reporter is that the Government should no longer hesitate, but frankly declare itself in favour of the tarring of the roads.

LAUNCHING TORPEDOES. There was read before the French Academy of Sciences, yesterday, a paper of deep interest to all naval men, upon a new invention for the absolute safe and effective launching and control of torpedoes by means of wireless telegraphy. The specific value of this invention is that it is enabled effectively to neutralise any effort at hostile disturbing movements by an enemy's use of wireless telegraphy. The invention is that of M. Gustave Gabet, and its main feature is a revolving wheel provided with flat, spoke-like plates, on each of which is a miniature glass tube, in which a drop of mercury rises and falls to close circuit at will. The movements of the torpedo are under the transmitter's control every instant, and a system of "luminous eclipses" even enables him to watch its progress.

## AMIR AS A COURTIER.

HIS MAJESTY SPENDS 10,000 RUPEES AT MINTO FETE.

Calcutta, February 1st. It was a great festival day for the Minto Fete yesterday. His Majesty the Amir came early in the afternoon, visited every stall, and made large purchases at each. Not content with this, he made lavish presents to the stall-holders. At the Civil Service stall, with a large party consisting of Lady Minto, various officials of the Fete and several members of the Viceregal staff, he suddenly disappeared for a quarter of an hour. The party awaited his return, wondering what had become of him.

At last he reappeared, bearing with him a magnificent ruby ring, which he had been engaged in purchasing at the Commerce and Trades stall, and which, with a graceful little speech, he presented to Lady Minto, placing it himself on her finger. To Lady Fraser His Majesty made a present of a handsome pearl neck ornament. His progress from one stall to another was indeed a source of profit to the Fete, and a pleasure to the stall holders, for as he went he left a golden trail behind him.

After this His Majesty proceeded to the Tea Gardens, where he took tea with Lady Minto. As he was leaving, he gave Mrs. Allen, who presides so charmingly over the gardens, four sovereigns, and when she began to thank him, said:—"Wait wait," and pulling out six more sovereigns from his pocket dropped them into her hands also. Nor was this the end of the Amir's lavish generosity.

At the hour of sunset he was in the Viceregal box at the Tournament and asked Sir Andrew Fraser to show him a quiet place where he might pray. Sir Andrew Fraser having complied with this request, His Majesty handed him a note for Rs.100 as a contribution to the profits of the Fete, remarking that was payment for his prayer. With this graceful act His Majesty set the crown on his generosity.

During the afternoon His Majesty was photographed in front of the Viceregal stall, in company with Lady Minto.

Calcutta, February 4th. The Amir had such a jolly time in Calcutta that he has postponed his departure till Thursday.

The Amir has had noticeably long talks with Lord Kitchener.

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The *Ernest*, with the French mail of the 1st February, left Singapore on Monday, the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 4th March. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 29th December.

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## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, February 24th.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATION.

Alhambra \$200 \$120.

Banks—

Hongkong &amp; Shanghai \$125 \$895, x.d., sales

National Bank of China \$100 \$61.

Bank of China \$125 \$7, sellers

China-Borneo Co. \$125 \$10, sellers

China Light &amp; Power \$125 \$10, sellers

China Provident \$125 \$8.75, buyers

Cotton Mills—

Ewo \$125 \$11.50, buyers

Hongkong \$125 \$11.50, buyers

International \$125 \$11.50, buyers

Laoan Kung Mow \$125 \$11.50, buyers

Soyabone \$125 \$11.50, buyers

Dairy Farm \$125 \$11.50, buyers

Docks and Wharves—

H. &amp; W. Dock \$125 \$10.44, sellers

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New Amoy Dock \$125 \$10.44, sellers

Shanghai Dock and \$125 \$10.44, sellers

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## VISITORS AT HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTELS.

Mr. P. R. Adams

Mr. &amp; Mrs. W. S. Bailey

Mr. H. G. Battiscombe

Mr. A. G. Beaumont

Mr. E. B. Beattie

Mr. H. B. Beattie

Mr. A. van Bievelot

(Vice-Consul for

Belgium)

Mr. &amp; Mrs. S. B. B. B.

Miss B. B. B.

Mr. &amp; Mrs. N. F.

Blanch

Mr. &amp; Mrs. W. W.

Brower &amp; son

Mr. &amp; Mrs. L. Broughall

Mr. &amp; Mrs. F. Campbell

Mr. A. Carter

Major A. Chapman

H.K.V.C.

Mr. B. P. Chapman

Fon. and Mrs. W.

Chadbourne

Miss Chatham

Mr. P. D. Chesbire

Major A. A. Chichester

D.A.A.G.

Mrs. A. A. Chichester

Mr. M. O. Clark

Mr. &amp; Mrs. T. W. Clarke

Eng. L. &amp; Mrs. Clegg

Mr. H. J. Colahan

Mr. H. E. Colvin

Mr. J. L. Conroy

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Mr. A. H. Crook

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## HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO &amp; WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAN," 2,363 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.

S.S. "POWAN," 2,338 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.

S.S. "FATSHAN," 2,380 tons, Captain J. B. Branch.

S.S. "KINSHAN," 1,995 tons, Captain J. J. Lousier.